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For: "SPHERICAL ABERRATION) Our Ref: B-5163NP 621099- 6
CORRECTING METHOD AND)
APPARATUS") Date: August 7, 2006
) Re: *Amendment and response*

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 6, 2006, a response to which is due to be filed, with one-month extension of time, no later than

August 7, 2006.

A petition and payment for an extension of time for response of one month accompanies this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are listed beginning on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.